

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664  
By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to commend Benjamin Riise Cooley for  
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Riise Cooley is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Curt Cobb and Representative Bill Harmon; Benjamin's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Benjamin has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with a minor in Speech and Theater; and

WHEREAS, participating in numerous extracurricular activities, Mr. Cooley is host of a political talk radio show called Spread Tha Word on WMTS 88.3 and WRFN, co-captain and vice-president of the Mock Trial team, a writer and political cartoonist for MTSU's non-daily newspaper *SIDELINES*, and a member of MTSU's rugby team; and

WHEREAS, an able leader, Benjamin was elected the Minority Leader of the U.S. Congress class and Governor of the intern class of 2005; he was also voted the "Most Flirtatious"; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Benjamin Cooley brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Benjamin Cooley has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Cooley has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Benjamin Riise Cooley for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Curt Cobb and Representative Bill Harmon and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.